

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR BROADBAND NETWORK OPERATION TO EMPIRE
LONG DISTANCE**

WHEREAS, Madison County was recently awarded a \$10,156,160 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service ReConnect Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to provide reliable and affordable high speed internet to underserved rural areas of Madison County as defined by the USDA; and

WHEREAS, Empire Long Distance was a partner in our ReConnect application and has continued to work with Madison County through the initial stages of the grant process; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has negotiated a long term operation agreement with Empire Long Distance that will provide for revenue sharing and system operation for a minimum of 10 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a contract with Empire Long Distance, in substantially the same form as the copy now on file with the Clerk.

Dated: May 10, 2022

Joseph J. Pinard, Chairman

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Madison County Public Utility Service Committee